

REMARKS

Claims 20 and 22-24 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Jensen et al in view of Koch. By way of the above amendment, Applicant has amended the subject matter of claim 20 to incorporate the subject matter of claim 21 which was previously objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In view of the amendment to claim 20, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 20 is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, dependent claims 22, 23, and 24 are also believed to be in condition for allowance for at least the reason that they now depend from an allowable independent claim.

Claim 20 stood objected to for informalities of claim language not included in the specification. By way of the above amendment to claim 20, Applicant has amended the specification to clarify the terminology used. Applicant respectfully submits that the claim terminology in claim 20 now conforms to the specification and to the claim language used in the previously allowed claims.

Inasmuch as all outstanding issues raised by the Examiner have been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and action to such effect is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at his/her convenience should only minor issues remain after consideration of the present Amendment, to permit early resolution of same.

Please charge any additional fees required by this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 50-2802.

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